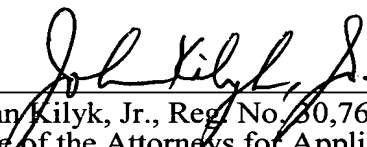


REMARKS

The multiple claim dependency of claim 3 has been removed by the amendment of claim 3 and the addition of claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by way of the claim amendments.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



John Kilyk, Jr., Reg. No. 30,763  
One of the Attorneys for Applicant(s)  
LEYDIG, VOIT & MAYER, LTD.  
Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4900  
180 North Stetson  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-6780  
(312) 616-5600 (telephone)  
(312) 616-5700 (facsimile)

Date: November 8, 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inokuchi et al.

Application No. Unassigned

Filed: November 8, 2001

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

For: SHEET MATERIAL AND PRESSURE-SENSITIVE  
ADHESIVE SHEET CONTAINING THE SAME

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

*(Deletions to the claims are indicated by cross-out text,  
while additions are indicated by underlined text)*

3. (Amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising the sheet material of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed to be in contact with the sheet material itself when it is a single layer or, when it is a laminate, at least an outermost layer thereof made from a resin material comprising a linear ethylene resin as a main component.

5. (New) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising the sheet material of claim 2 and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed to be in contact with the sheet material itself when it is a single layer or, when it is a laminate, at least an outermost layer thereof made from a resin material comprising a linear ethylene resin as a main component.

6. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet of claim 5, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is formed using, as a main component, a polyester adhesive comprising aliphatic polycarbonate diol as an essential polyol component.

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inokuchi et al.

Application No. Unassigned

Filed: November 8, 2001

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

For: SHEET MATERIAL AND PRESSURE-SENSITIVE  
ADHESIVE SHEET CONTAINING THE SAME

**PENDING CLAIMS AFTER ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

1. A single layer or laminate sheet material having a release function for a pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet, wherein the sheet material itself when it is a single layer, and at least one of the outermost layers when it is a laminate, is made from a resin material comprising a linear ethylene resin as a main component, and the resin material shows an amount of an eluted component at not more than 30°C of 3 wt% - 30 wt% of the entire resin material, as measured by a Temperature Rising Elution Fractionation method.

2. The sheet material of claim 1, wherein the linear ethylene resin is a copolymer of ethylene and at least one kind of a comonomer selected from  $\alpha$ -olefins having 3 to 12 carbon atoms.

3. A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising the sheet material of claim 1 and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed to be in contact with the sheet material itself when it is a single layer or, when it is a laminate, at least an outermost layer thereof made from a resin material comprising a linear ethylene resin as a main component.

4. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet of claim 3, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is formed using, as a main component, a polyester adhesive comprising aliphatic polycarbonate diol as an essential polyol component.

5. A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising the sheet material of claim 2 and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed to be in contact with the sheet material itself when it is a single layer or, when it is a laminate, at least an outermost layer thereof made from a resin material comprising a linear ethylene resin as a main component.

6. The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet of claim 5, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is formed using, as a main component, a polyester adhesive comprising aliphatic polycarbonate diol as an essential polyol component.